

PROCLAMATION NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY MONTH JUNE 2008

WHEREAS, after years of decline, the rate of unintentional injuries and deaths in the United States has been on the rise; and

WHEREAS, deaths from motor vehicle collisions, poisonings from unintentional overdoses and falls remain the three leading causes of preventable death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the cost of unintentional injuries to Americans and their employers exceeds \$650 billion each year and causes suffering among individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council was founded in 1913 and congressionally chartered in 1953 to lead the nation in injury prevention through safety and health information, education, training and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council, the North Dakota Safety Council and other organizations across the state are working together to increase safety, protection and health in our businesses and industries, schools and colleges, homes and communities, and on our roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Safety Council will provide a month-long, public education campaign, "Make a Difference," to promote the importance of safe and healthy living for North Dakota's citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2008, **SAFETY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven

Governor

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